

Potential Resources for Assistance

Many agencies have programs to assist when finances are low for medical supplies or medicines. Unfortunately, the Department of Health and Senior Services does not have any funding for purchasing medical supplies, medicines, or other diabetes or disease-related items.

Below is a list of agencies that you should contact in your area if you find you need assistance for medical purposes.

1. American Diabetes Association (ADA). The ADA has a one-time \$50.00 pharmacy charge for insulin and syringes only. Call your local American Diabetes Association for more information at 1-800-DIABETES or visit their website at www.diabetes.org.
2. Local Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, or Public Health Centers.
 - For a list of local health departments (also called local public health agencies) go to <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/LPHA/LPHAs.html>.
 - For a list of Federally Qualified Health Centers or public health centers, go to <http://www.mo-pca.org/healthcenters.htm>.
3. Salvation Army. Check for a local organization near you at http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/WWW_USC.nsf/fm-ndos-search or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY.
4. United Way. Check for your local agency at <http://www.liveunited.org/>.
5. National Federation for the Blind. Go to http://www.nfbmo.org/local_chapters/local_chapters.php or call 1-573-875-8911 for a local service area.
6. Check with local civic organizations, such as Lions Clubs, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. Many have community programs.
7. Check with your local churches to see if they provide programs to help. Many have working groups that can provide some assistance.

8. Make sure you do not forget to check with your physician and/or nurse, as they can give you contact names or company names of drug manufacturers and many of these companies/manufacturers have programs to help individuals.
9. Above all else, do not give up. Keep contacting your physician and others to see if they can help. Many will only help short term, but it helps to put you in a better financial situation.